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For : Membership Information Retrieval Server, User Terminal, Message -
Sending Terminal, and Method for Retrieving Membership Information
and for Sending Message

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action dated November 26, 2003, which set a shortened period of response to expire on February 26, 2004, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, together with the allowance of all the claims pending in the present application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Reply.